"SPORTS OF THE TIMES"-DISPATCH

PROTECT GAME IN VIRGINIA FIELDS

Annual Meeting of Association Takes Vigorous Steps in That Direction.

APPEALS TO LEGISLATURE

The annual meeting of the Game Protective Association of Virginia was held in the hall of the Mechanics' Institute yesterday afternoon.

In the absence of the president, Dr. J. B. Fisher, Mr. G. C. Smith, of Hanover county, presided.

The attendance upon the meeting was small, not more than two dozen of the 312 members being present, but it was something of an enthusiastic meeting nevertheless.

Conditions in Virginia.

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The secretary and treasurer, Mr. L.
T. Christian, submited a report, which is in part as follows:
"At no former period have the citizens of this State been so thoroughly aroused as to game protection than at present. Its increased scarcity has been recognized, and apprehension as to its complete annihilation, unless most diligent protection is inaugurated, is the opinion of those best informed on the subject.

"The marshes and feeding grounds for the waterfowl, for some reason, in it to be attractive this season in Virgiria. Canvasback, redhead, and the shooting of large variety of ducks is practically a thing of the past, and without better protection, the maliard will become as scarce as other variety of waterfowl.

"From the best information obtainable, about the usual quantity of quait pheasants, and turkeys were found last season. The market-hunter hegan his deadly work early, and early in November the markets were flooded with game. Large quantities either arrived in a spoiled condition, or were espoiled soon after arrival, and were destroyed.

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"There is an increased tendency to prohibit the sale of quall, pheasants, and turkeys, and unless this is done at an early date, these birds will practically become extinct.

"About 100 quall were found on this market, after the game season, and were confiscated, no doubt there were other birds which were not discovered.

"There is no doubt that much game is sent from Virginia to other mar-kets, and with the present imperfect warden system, this is difficult to pre-

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"An effort should be made in the next Legislature to materially improve the conditions by securing amendments to our present game laws.
"We should realize the fact that our game should be protected; it may be done by united effort; to this end we sincerely hope that next year the influence of this association may be felt throughout Virginia, and that at our next meeting a report can be made showing great advancement in our work."

Resolutions Adopted. "

A resolution was adopted protesting against the suggested abolition of the biological survey, and urging an increase in the governmental appropriation for this bureau, to thend that the scope of its investigations and its sphere of the survey was the survey of the sur ess may be enlarged. The assodiscinless may be characteristic continuous and directed that a copy of the resolution be sent to the Secretary of Agriculture and to each member of the Virginia delegation in Congress.

Another resolution, offered by Mr. L. T. Christian, and setting forth the position of the association on a number of matters of importance, was, after some discussion, adopted, as follows:

1. That we urge that the State law be so amended as to eliminate the powers of the Board of Supervisors in allowing wild waterfowl to be shipped from the State.

2. That this association urge the next Legislature to enact a law prohibiting the sale of quali, pheasants and wild turkeys in this State.

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3. That we urge the Legislature to enact a law preventing hunting dogs from running at large during the months of April, May, June, July, August and September.

4. That we urge the passage of a law by the Legislature imposing a resident license tax omecitizens of this State (exempting the farmer hunting on his own land) of one dollar, and the creation of a State commissioner of game, the expense of said department to be paid from the amount received from the hunting license. Dr. T. S. Palmer, of the Department of Agriculture, was introduced and addressed the association at some length, in advocacy of the reforms called for in these resolutions. Dr. Palmer particularly urged the adoption of a resident license tax and the appointment of game wardens. Dr. Palmer showed how well the proposed game laws and the warden system work in the Middle Western States, and how popular these laws have become with the farmers. He assured the association that the National Audubon Society stands ready to render this State association any assistance in its power in creating a public sentiment in favor sociation any assistance in its power in creating a public sentiment in favor

of legislation for the protoction of game in fields of Virginia. Other speakers were Mr. C. D. Wing-field and Mr. Jackson Guy. A vote of thanks was tendered Dr.

A MOMENT IN THE GAME AFTER WHICH SOME WILL CRY "ROBBER"



This is the only time of year when baseball players and fans have any use for the much-mailgned and despised up.

Now every one is trying to smooth the umpires down, and clubs and players are seeking them and their good graces.

FIVE OUT OF SEVEN WINNERS WERE LONG SHOT GAMBLES

Thirty to One and Twenty-Five to One Were the Figures---"Tileing" Beat Out "Peter Sterling" for the \$3,000 Rex Handicap---Gresham Disqualified.

NEW ORLEANS, February 12.—Five to 5) second, Ben Sand (8 to 1) third. ter Sterling (11 to 5) second, Lady Navut of the seven winners of races at City Second race—short course steeplechase handcap—Uncle James (10 to 1) first, Fifth race—mile, selling—Silver Skin (25 to 1) first, Ternus (5 to 2) second, Incantation (9 to 5) second, Henry A. Dr. Spruill (3 to 1) third. Time, 1:40. Park to-day were long shots, being

quoted at 30 and another at 25 to 1.

Gresham was disqualified in the first race for forcing Princess Sue to run wide, rifted part of the first pace dering given to Princess Sue, Tileing won the Rex handicap, valued at nearly \$3,000.

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handleap—Uncle James (10 to 1) first, (25 to 1

Italian Aeronauts Send a Challenge For the International Balloon Cup

Word Received Yesterday By Cable From President of Aero Club of Italy, But It May Be Too Late, As Time Limit

NEW YORK, February 12.—Italy has at last issued a challenge for the International Balloon Cup. Corthandt Feld Bishop, president of the Aero Club of America, last night received a message to this effect by cable from the president of the Aero Club of Italy.

It is doubtful, however, whether the challenge can be accepted. The limit for entries expired on February 1st, but if a challenge was placed in the mails on that date it is believed it could still be accepted. Mr. Bishop has asked Frank H. Lahm, foreign representative of the Aero Club, to consult with representatives of the other clubs in the international rederation as to the possibility of still admitting Italy.

Emanuel Quolka, instructor in ballooning in the Imperial Aero Academy of Vienna and first licutenant of artillery, has asked to be admitted to the contest, but as Austria is not represented in the federation it is doubtful wareter bis challenge can be accepted. Mr. Lahm the federation is to doubtful wareter bis challenge can be accepted. Mr. Lahm the federation of the Aero Club at the St. Louis, had a conference yesterday with officers of the Aero Club with regard to preparations for the race. He confirmed the fact that the St. Louis Club will turnish one of the tax the race. He confirmed the fact that the St. Louis Club will turnish one of the tax the race. He confirmed the fact that the St. Louis Club will turnish one of the tax the race. He confirmed the fact that the St. Louis Club will turnish one of the tax the St. Louis Club will turnish one of the the salloon, the Ben Franklin, for use in the halloon, the Ben Franklin, for use in the fact that the St. Louis Club will turnish one of the that the St. Louis Club will turnish one of the tax the Calub will turnish one of the the balloon is 93,000

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Lewis D. Dozler, president of the Aero Washington's birthday.

BASEBALL GOSSIP

limelight. It makes no difference where a ballplayer is, if he can deliver the goods he is the real article, and he can always keep a contract tucked away in his vest pocket.

Field on an average of .975 and hat anywhere in the neighborhood of .300, and there is a place always open for the enthusiasm of the fans who like the national game.

Yet it will be said that "home talent" don't count. Jake Wells, in the days of long ago, made home talent count. A novice has only to look over the files of the Virginia Statz Leagus to see that Richmond burst into baseball fame through Richmond talent.

No one ever disputed the fact that "Pop" Tate, now one of the best officers of the Richmond Police Department, was a good player. He now holds the world's record for batting. His percentage was near the .660 mark. Then Glenn was a Richmond player, and he did well.

Barley Kain certanly did claim this historic place his habitat, and Barley did some mightly good work here when he played with Wells and that bunch of star players.

So far, so good. It now comes to the question of what will Richmond do this year? There will be no local player on the team, Perhaps that is a good move on the part of the management. Had there been no local man on the team last year Richmond would have perhaps finished second place. Rose was in left garden, and there is no better fielder in Virginia. His "eakness was at the bat. Anthony was in centre, and he was expected to do great things. For a time le did. Then '- declined slightly. The fans expected to do de from things. For a time le did. Then '- declined slightly. The fans expected to do de from the farm and here is a how. Hence, after all, maybe, it is better to get strangers.

Richmond may nave Titman next season for the outfield. He was released

Baseball players who have made a reputation on the diamond hall from every part of the country. From the Gulf to the Lakes the great stars who have handled the horsehide meandered into the limelight. It makes no difference where a ballplayer is, if he can deliver the goods he is the real article and he can always keep a contract tucked away in his vest pocket.

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The speakers were Mr. C. D. Wingston and the state of the state

the Richmond park for the league was to be bailt.

Originally it was said that Richmond, Petersburg, Newport News and Emporia would be the cities comprising the league. Now it seems that only independent ball will be played. Emporia will certainly have a strong independent team, and Richmond will have a team made up of those who are not quite fast enough to make the State League. Petersburg will also have a good, fast aggregation of ballplayers, and Newport News is so much opposed to Norfolk and Portsmouth that two teams are likely to spring up there.

Great Interest Being Taken in Fancy-Dress Contests on St. Valentine's Night.

Valentine's night. Already the skaters of the rink are preparing for the event, and every evening sees many of the best of them practicing. Besides a handsome prize for the best fancy skater, there will be prizes for the most graceful skater, the most comical costume and the fanciest costume among those par-

ticipating in the carnival. Hard times are ahead for the judges, and their task will be one difficult of solution.

A Richmond firm announces that at least a hundred costumes have been least a hundred costumes have been already engaged from them for the evening, besides the many that will do their own "dressing-up" for the occasion. Petro and his "Teddy" bear, Gus and "Happy" Hooligan, with their dear uncle; the Katzenjamer Twins and many other celebrated fun-makers will be there, and the evening will prove more laughable and interesting than a bunch of clowns in the circus.

There will be also the Great Chick in his conical cyclo specialty. Chick "makes up" in the character of a tramp

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and rides anything from a bloycle, a unjoycle and any other kind of cycle to an lee-wagon wheel. Again last night he kept a large crowd in a constant uppoar over his funny antics. His act is decidedly the best of the sort yet featured here, and will delight the patrons of the rink every afternoon and evening this week.

On Friday night, in addition to a one mile hurdle race between the local skaters, Chick will ride a unleyde against anoher "tramp" on two wheels and a well-known roller-skater, all made up as "Wery Willies." Of course, this event will be mostly for the manufacture of laughs, and will prove to what extent any one can go for the amusement of others and still be called sane. The pictures being shown this week will be augmented on both nights by the addition of several news films.

Your petitioner, H. C. Mechier, treas-urer of the county of Henrico, Va., most respectfully and carnestly peti-tions your Honor to review and rehear

HECHLER'S PETITION

DECLINED TO HEAR

tions your Honor to review and rehear the order entered on the 2d day of February, 1997, upon the rule issued on the 7th day of January, 1997, against this respondent on account of after-discovered evidence, and for errors of fact and of law ritten opinion delivered at the time of entering said order, your Honor, among other things, said: "The evidence clearly shows that the shortage on October 1, 1006, instead of being \$3,573.85, was larger, to-wit, the sum of \$4,170.86 (R., p. 43). During the month of October the respondent nade good \$3,293.70 of this shortage, leaving a balance due by him November 1st, \$853.16."

made good \$3.293.70 of this shortage, leaving a balance due by him November 1st, \$58.316."

Your petitioner now avers that he has since the hearing of this case had an opportunity to go carefully over his books, and that he has discovered that the facts as to this are these: That on October 3, 1905, the Board of Supervisors of Henrice county, in their settlement with this petitioner, charged this respondent up as of September 30, 1905, the end of the factal year, with various and sundry collections, aggregating the sum of \$5,252.98, whereas, in fact, this respondent had only collected this sum of \$5,252.98, whereas, in fact, this respondent had only collected this sum of \$5,55.98, which were then in this petitioner's possession and with which the said Board of Supervisors charged him as of September 30, 1906, but which, in fact, had not then been collected. They also then charged this respondent up with \$37.84 as of September 30, 1906, making it appear that this respondent had been collected to received said delinquent tax bills from July 1, 1906, to September 30, 1906, making it appear that this respondent had been clasted with the said amounts he was also cuttifed to be credited with the said sum of \$79.172 as of September 30, 1906, whereas, in fact, he had not collected or received said the telliquent tax bills from July 1, 1906, to September 30, 1906, whereas, in fact, he had not collected or received said this respondent had been charged with said amounts he was also cuttifed to be credited with the same in ascertailing the amount of cash on hand or in the ireasury as of September 30, 1906, and that it was not a violation of law of malfensance in office not to have this amount in cash on September 30, 1906, whereas in the careful in cash on September 30, 1906, whereas in the careful in cash on September 30, 1906, whereas in the careful in cash on September 30, 1906, whereas in the careful in cash on September 30, 1906, whereas in the careful in cash on September 30, 1906, and the careful in cash on Septemb Figures Presented.

should also be given credit with these items.

Your respondent further avers that he was entitled to a credit of \$257.57, as of November 1, 1996, being five per cent. commission on \$5,514.8, taxes collected during the month of October, 1996; that he was also entitled to \$121.15, being two per cent. on \$6,657.52, received through this respondent from Walter J. Todd's estate on November 1, 1996, as per decree of your Honor's court in Todd vs. Todd, and that all of said sums aggregate the sum of \$1,821.60, which shows that this respondent instead of having a shortage of \$883.16, as of November 1, 1996, had to his credit the sum of \$1.821.60, or \$938.44 in excess of the said alleged shortage of \$883.16.

No Offense.

the county; that he has never used a dollar of the county's money; that he has faithfully tried to discharge his duties as treasurer of said county, and he prays that the statements he has herein made may be verified by your Honor in justice both to the court and the respondent, that the court may not be compelled to perform a painful duty, based upon a misapprehension of the facts in the case, and at the same time subject your respondent to humillation and the loss of the respect of this community, where he has spent his life, without it be shown conclusively that he has violated some law, eriminal, civil or moral. He respectfully, but confidently, asserts that he has committed no offense against the revenue law of this State, nor violated any of his duties as a public officer or a citizen, and he therefore prays that this honorable court reconsider, rehear, review, reverse and anul the order entered by the court in this case on the 2d day of February, 1907.

CAPT. MILLS MAY RUN. Friends Wish Jefferson Ward Man to Stand for House.

While no one is in a position to make this time, it would cause no particular surprise in local political circles should Councilman Morgan R. Mills, of Jefferson Ward, stand for a seat in the next House of Delegates from Richmond.

It is known that a number of Captain Mills's friends have suspessed the matter to him and that he is giving it some consideration. He was asked concerning the matter last night, and admitted that friends had discussed it with him, but said he had not given it any very serious thought up to this time.

Captain Mills has been in the Council this time, it would cause no particular sur

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Law and Equity Court. Phoenix Manufacturing Configurations to the amount of \$1,500, growing out of a breach of contract, the case was dismissed settled, having been compromised.

Hustings Court. Hustings Court.

In this court yesterday John Sterling and Arthur Trent, each indicted for malicious wounding, were acquitted by juries.

John B. Mixon, convicted last week of the larceny of a suit case from Murphy's Hotel, was brought into court and sentenced to two years' imprisonment. Another charge against him was noile prosequied, his health being so precarious that it was deemed humane not to press the other charge.

Chancery Court

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Chancery Court,
In this court yesterday the following qualifications were recorded:
Robert B. Munford, Jr., qualified as administrator of the estate of Robert B.
Munford.
Howard H. Hartzell as administrator of the estate of Mrs. Margaret A. Hartzell, and as guardian of Howard M. D. Hartzell.
The estate of Mrs. Martzell is valued at \$1,500.
John A. Lancaster qualified as administrator of the estate of Amanda F. Toney, deceased. The estate of Amanda F. Toney, Circuit Corut.
Ludgments entered yesterday: Sargent

Judgments entered yesterday: Sargent & Co. vs. William Glbb & Co. Judgment by court for the plaintiffs for \$294.91. Suits Instituted yesterday: R. A. Patterson Tobacco Company vs. the Chesapeake and Ohlo Railway Company, Assumpsit; damages, \$600.

Cases spt for to-day: Pohilig Brothers vs. Leusch Chocolate Company.

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